

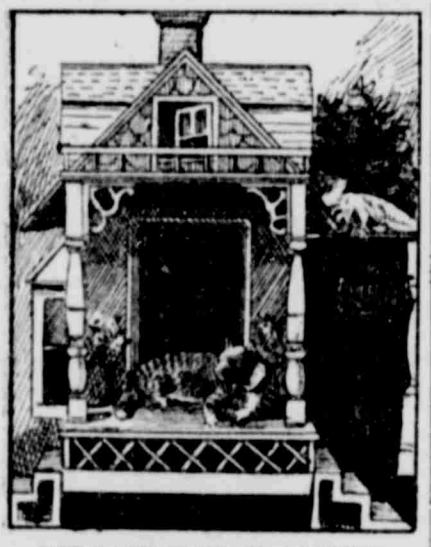


THE HOME OF
"BUFF" AND "BOUNCER."

THE quaint old city of Boston has many interesting sights, but a spectacle that would astonish boys and girls as much as anything is a glimpse at the home of "Buff" and "Bouncer."

Now, Buff and Bouncer are cats, not of fine breed, like the Maltese, nor especially beautiful, like the Angoras. They are just common, everyday cats. Bouncer is a tortoise-shell with a white triangle on his nose, and Buff—I dislike to tell it, but he is nothing in the world but an ordinary yellow cat. Somehow, yellow cats and dogs are counted among the offscourings of their kind, but Buff—well, I have changed my opinions of yellow cats since meeting him!

These Boston cats live—that is, their master and mistress live—in a brick house on a street in Boston near a



BUFF AND BOUNCER AT HOME.

railroad. But Buff and Bouncer have a house all their own. It stands in the little square homely city yard, which extends out to the tracks.

You will understand that with noise, soot, cinders and cramped quarters, these city cats need some compensation for that lack of freedom which their country brothers enjoy. Their mistress is so fond of them and so afraid of losing them that they are even deprived of the city cat's chief pleasure—back-fence promenades—by reason of a wire netting stretching flat along the top of the fence, so that they cannot climb up. As consolation for these privations, the mistress of Buff and Bouncer has built them a house that no carpenter need be ashamed of. She began it as a sort of shelter for her pets when they wanted to be in the yard in bad weather. But once her fingers and the hammer got started, the rough kennel grew and grew. It reached up until it became four feet two inches high, and spread to two and a half feet wide. It took on some fancy shingles and a cunning gable window. The work then became so fascinating to the builder that she just could not help adding a piazza and a

bay window. She is a very small woman, so she devised a way to get inside in order to fasten in windows, to tack up curtains, and to complete various other arrangements for the comfort of her cats. Nearly the whole side of the house is swung on hinges, so it can be pulled out, and as it comes out, like a shelf-table, some long, slender-jointed legs unfold, and lo! a sort of port-cochere, on the roof of which the cats like to lie and sun themselves, and underneath which their hammock can be hung.

One day, when the cats' mistress was inside the tiny house, sitting on the floor and hard at work, Buff came in, jumped up on a crossbeam high in his house, and stretched his head up as if to look out of the little gable window.

"Well, Buff," said the mistress, "you shall have an upstairs, since you want it so badly." So she put in a sort of floor up there, leaving an opening, of course, with a shelf half way up, at the back of the first floor room, to serve as a cat stairway. When Buff and Bouncer go to their second story they jump up on this shelf-stair, then easily spring through the opening into their attic room. There is a piece of thick carpet for them to lie on, and there they love to stay, dozing or looking lazily out of their little front window.

The little house is further fitted up with a movable flight of steps, which stand sometimes at the front, sometimes at the side of the piazza, but which, you may be sure, Buff and Bouncer do not stop to use. It also has a hammock and a bedstead for each cat. And Buff and Bouncer will lie in the hammock, allow themselves to be tucked in bed, or ride in their carriage—a doll carriage—and seem to enjoy themselves hugely. They will also sit up in little chairs at a small table and eat, though they much prefer their customary way. One has his dish set on the floor of the piazza, and generally dines there; the other has his dish on the upper balcony or roof of the piazza.

They seem to like to lie and sleep in or take a ride in their carriage, though, of course, they have to take turns. And they like to lie in their hammock when their mistress puts them there—that is, they will lie still and pretend to sleep, and have never said they didn't like it, which is a pretty sure sign that it is agreeable to them, don't you think so?

In the winter this home of Buff and Bouncer is closed and covered with canvas and oilcloth to keep it from being spoiled by storms and snowdrifts. At that inclement season these wily Boston cats prefer to live in the warm, cozy kitchen of the big house; so you see what aristocrats they are. They not only have a home all their own but it is their summer home, their resort, to which they go as soon as the spring weather begins, and which is kept open until the fall rains make their abode too damp and chilly for them. Happy Buff and Bouncer, two very lucky cats!—St. Nicholas.

MAGICAL EXPERIMENT.

Feet That Any Boy May Perform to Astonish Friends or Entertain His Elders.

Here is a little feat that any boy can perform and yet it looks like a trick of a magician. If you wish to entertain a company with it tell them that you have a bottle and a goblet, both full to the brim of water, and that you are going to empty the goblet by means of the bottle without taking a drop of water from the latter.

This is the way to prepare for it: With a red-hot wire bore two holes through a cork and into them insert two straws, one of them extending above the cork as high as the goblet is deep, the other about twice as high.

Now, with a little kneaded bread or wax close to the upper end of the shorter straw and then force the cork into the mouth of the bottle until the water spurts out through the longer straw.

Meanwhile you have a goblet of water on the table before you, and also a basin or bowl and a pair of scissors. Hold the goblet over the basin with your left hand and with your right turn the bottle upside down, putting the shorter straw inside the goblet. As you do this have some one take the scissors and cut off the closed end of the shorter straw. Water will at once begin to run out of the longer straw into the basin and will continue to run until the goblet is empty. You must, of course, hold the bottle so that the short straw will reach down to the bottom of the goblet.

This is simply the operation of a siphon.—Chicago Chronicle.

LAMB RAISED ON BOTTLE.

Interesting Sight Which Has Proved a Delight to Visitors of New York's Zoo.

Billy the lamb considers Mr. William Snyder, of the Central park zoo, at New York, in the light of a father and mother. And he has every right to do so, because ever since his real father and mother died in order to satisfy the craving men have for food, Billy has received material aid from Mr. Snyder in the form of a bottle of milk with which to keep his orphan soul together. There is nothing in the city's appropriation which would



BILLY ENJOYS HIS DINNER.

permit the keeper to draw upon the commissary department for a baby's bottle fully equipped for conducting food into the interior arrangements of an infant, but there were plenty of empty bottles to be had for the asking. Mrs. Snyder supplied the rubber arrangement, the city the milk, and the bleating lamb's life was saved. Three times a day Mr. Snyder calls "Billy! Billy!" and the lamb comes running if it be within the sound of the voice. Usually it follows the keeper like a dog, and seems perfectly content to be near him. No other human being, except perhaps the keeper's children, have any attraction for it, although it is given the freedom of the zoo, and is made much of by the folk along the walks.

Understood.
"Mr. Spoonamore, what color do you call Miss Garlinghorn's hair?"
"Is she a friend of yours, Miss Calamus?"
"Yes; a dear friend."
"It's red."—Chicago Tribune.

BLUES AND BROWNS.

Carloads of Blank Cartridges Used in a Sham Battle.

Surrounding Hills Reverberated to the Pounding Cannon and the Clattering Roll of the Krag Rifles During Engagement.

Camp Young, West Point, Ky., Oct. 9.—More spectacular and hotly contested, but lacking one or two of the finer points brought out in previous maneuvers, was the engagement participated in Thursday by practically the entire number of regular soldiers and national guardsmen in camp. When recall was sounded after two hours of hot fighting the result was practically a dog fall, the Blue army inflicting the heaviest loss as tallied by the umpires, but the Browns largely making up for this by a greater readiness to seize tactical advantage of position. The firing was the heaviest yet witnessed by the observers here. Car loads of blank cartridges were expended by infantry, cavalry and artillery and from the time the opposing forces met until the game was over the hills reverberated to the pounding cannon and the clattering roll of the Krags frequently rose to the crash of heavy volley firing.

The Blue division of the army, commanded by Col. Anderson, was composed of the first brigade (seven battalions representing the 1st, 3d and 20th United States infantry and the 1st Wisconsin regiment); second brigade (1st, 2d and 3d Indiana infantry, the 7th cavalry, two squadrons, and the 14th battery, field artillery).

The Brown division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Bliss, U. S. A., was composed of the third brigade (1st, 2d and 3d Michigan); fourth brigade (2d and 3d Kentucky, 8th Ohio and Kentucky light artillery battalion used as infantry); seven troops of cavalry, the 21st battery, field artillery, 1st battery, Indiana field artillery.

The battle was precipitated at the entrance to a long and tortuous decline in the hills, two guns from the 21st battery and two troops of cavalry being sent on the run to take and hold it before the Blues came up. The Blues had, however, already gained a position from which they could turn the defile so the Brown force was compelled to retire. This move on the part of the Brown commander threw the original plans of the Blues into confusion and forced them to strike at the Brown left and left center. Accordingly the Indiana brigade delivered a hard blow for the Blues, the firing during their attack on the Brown left wing being the hottest of the day. The Indiana guardsmen who have already gained an enviable record enhanced it still further by capturing three companies of the 8th Ohio and inflicting losses on the 3d Kentucky and 8th Ohio, estimated by the umpires as 120 "killed."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The Newly Elected Officers Installed By E. R. Lemon, of Toledo, O.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 9.—The 32d triennial convocation of the general grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States adjourned Thursday evening. Before adjournment the newly elected officers were installed by Reuben E. Lemon, of Toledo, O., past general grand high priest. An elegant jewel was presented to J. W. Taylor, of Louisville, Ga., the retiring general high priest. Charters were granted to two new chapters in Idaho and one in San Juan, P. R. No action was taken on applications for charters at Havana, Cuba, and Manila, P. I.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Proposition to Buy a Street Railway Voted Down in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—A special election was held Thursday for the purpose of deciding upon an issue of \$710,000 municipal bonds for the purchase of the Geary street railway. It was proposed to operate the road by the city. The issue was defeated by 14,481 yes to 10,745 nays, two-thirds being required to pass.

The Noted Ferris Wheel.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—That the Ferris wheel has been rescued from the junk pile and will be taken to the St. Louis exposition is now believed to be an assured fact. Men are at work on the north side dismantling the wheel for a local house-wrecking company. It is said that the company will be allowed to retain the first \$100,000 of the receipts at the fair grounds. The cost of the removal and setting up of the wheel is estimated approximately at \$100,000.

Sir Thomas the Guest of Honor.

New York, Oct. 9.—Sir Thomas Linton, who sails for England Friday on board the steamer Cedric, was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner Thursday night given by George T. Wilson, of this city.

Will Wed in a Hospital.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 9.—Miss Mabel Martin, niece of the Bradley-Martins of New York, will be married here next week in the Albany hospital. Her wedding had been set when she was taken ill and had to undergo an operation.

Stock Exchange Seat Transfer.

New York, Oct. 9.—A stock exchange seat was transferred Thursday for \$52,500, which is \$7,500 below the last recorded sale and about \$20,000 below the high record price at which seats sold a year or more ago.

NEWS IN KENTUCKY.

KENTUCKY FUTURITY.

Sadie Mac, Smathers' Recent Purchase, Won the \$14,000 Purse.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 9.—Sadie Mac, E. E. Smathers' recent purchase, won the historic Kentucky Futurity for 3-year-olds, purse \$14,000, with ease and without apparent effort in three straight heats, going the last mile in 2:12 1/4, which is two seconds short of the record made by Ferenio three years ago, and going the first heat of the first mile in 2:08. She won by several lengths in each heat and only at one time was her contention for the crown in danger and that was in the first seven-eighths of the first mile, when Ethel's Pride kept nose to nose with her. Ethel's Pride, however, broke and finished bad in all three heats. The two mares made the first quarter in 32 seconds.

Among the 5,000 people who saw Sadie Mac take the first money was Mr. Johnson, of Calais, Me., who sold her as a yearling for \$4,000. Her driver, A. McDonald, sold her to Mr. Smathers Tuesday for \$20,000.

SHANKLIN MEMORIAL DAY.

Sale of Tickets Thursday Netted a Total of \$4,000.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 9.—Sixty tickets to the Shankslin memorial day were sold Thursday night for \$2,500. After the auction \$1,500 more was added, making a total of \$4,000 to begin with. Secretary Wilson expects a crowd of at least 10,000 people to attend the trots Saturday. Every harness champion in the country will be exhibited then in addition to the regular program and special music. The gate receipts will be given to the late E. W. Shankslin's family. Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge spoke at the auction.

THE CALEB POWERS CASE.

His Attorneys Filed Their Bill of Exceptions.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 9.—The attorneys in the case of Caleb Powers after several hours work in the special term of court convened by Special Judge Robbins for the purpose, filed Thursday afternoon their bill of exceptions in order to get the case before the Kentucky court of appeals. The 69 day limit gives the defense attorneys until December 8, and as the court of appeals adjourns December 18 for the holidays, the Powers case will probably not be up for decision before the term in January, 1904.

Reported Killed in Tennessee.

Burkesville, Ky., Oct. 9.—It is reported here that George Murley, who made his escape from the Albany jail a few weeks ago, was killed by officers while resisting arrest in Clay county, Tennessee. Murley was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

To Formulate New Turf Rules.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 9.—Senator Joseph Bailey, of Texas, who is chairman of a committee appointed by trotting track owners last winter to revise and formulate new turf rules, arrived here Thursday and will probably call a meeting of the committee Friday.

Big Deal in Kentucky Timber Land.

Middlesboro, Ky., Oct. 9.—The Yellow Creek Coal and Lumber Co., of this city, has purchased most of the land belonging to the Innes heirs, which embraces 20,000 acres of coal and timber land in Bell, Harlan, Leslie, Perry and Knox counties.

Jim Will Anderson Acquitted.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Oct. 9.—The jury in the case of Jim Will Anderson, charged with shooting from ambush non-union miners on their way to work in the Empire mines, returned a verdict of not guilty. Anderson proved an alibi.

Postmaster Moore Resigns.

Lancaster, Ky., Oct. 9.—Henry Moore, a well-known merchant and postmaster at Paint Lick, this county, has resigned the latter post, effective immediately. It is said he will locate in the west. His successor has not been appointed.

A Victory For the "Drys."

Vine Grove, Ky., Oct. 9.—In the election held here the "drys" were victorious by a majority of 12 votes. When the result was made known 300 men, women and children surged through the streets shouting, hurrahing and singing hymns.

McGaughey Defies the Court.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 9.—In an effort to force his wife to return to him John McGaughey has their small child in hiding, it is alleged, and dares the court to order him to produce it. Mrs. McGaughey says she will not return to her husband.

Perhaps Fatally Stabbed.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 9.—John J. O'Donnell, a locomotive fireman, living at 216 West Oak street, was perhaps fatally stabbed here Thursday night by two unknown men. Jealousy is said to have been the motive.

A School Election Quarrel.

Williamsburg, Ky., Oct. 9.—James and Melvin Young, it is reported, killed a man named Hill in the eastern part of the county Thursday in a school election quarrel. They were arrested.

Accidentally Killed His Brother.

Williamsburg, Ky., Oct. 9.—The 7-year-old son of William McKeehan killed his 4-year-old brother Wednesday night by the accidental discharge of a pistol.

ARE STILL FIGHTING.

About 300 Turks Killed and Wounded by Insurgents.

The Feeling Prevailing at Sofia, Bulgaria, Thursday Was More Hopeful Than For Months—Recruits Being Discharged.

Salonica, Macedonia, Oct. 9.—A serious engagement occurred October 6 between Turks and insurgents near Gumezjo (35 miles from Salonica). About 300 Turks are reported to have been killed or wounded. Fighting near Gumezjo is still proceeding. The Turkish troops there are commanded by Ibrahim Bey, who has asked the military authorities at Salonica to send him two mountain guns. No such guns are available.

It is reported that 10,000 Albanians, irritated by the raids of Servian bands, threaten to cross the frontier. A strong Servian band is ready to cross the frontier near Numanovo (about five miles north of Uskub).

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 9.—The feeling prevailing Thursday was generally more hopeful than for some months past. It is based on reports which, while unconfirmed, appear to be well founded. These reports are to the effect that the government is preparing to discharge the recruits summoned for three weeks drill and that this report on the authority of the Dvornik—the Turkish and Bulgarian governments have reached an understanding on the question of demobilization whereby Bulgaria will release 20,000 men and Turkey 10,000. If this agreement is carried out Bulgaria will discharge all the reservists recently summoned. Twenty-four thousand recruits will come under the colors October 9.

A telegram from Tchernaskala says that the frontier guard was called out Wednesday evening and proceeded to Kuan, when they found the whole country across the border in flames.

IN THE FAR EAST.

War Between Russia and Japan Now Seems Inevitable.

Paris, Oct. 9.—Official information received here shows that a formidable Russian fleet, composing 90 warships of all classes, has left Port Arthur and has arrived at Ma-San-Pho, south of Korea, where the Japanese fleet had already arrived. The Russian ships have anchored within the Ma-San-Pho harbor alongside the Japanese ships. Several brigades of Russian troops have been moved forward to the Korean boundary and are now encamped on the border.

The news has been received here that Russia is prepared to defend her position of refusing to evacuate Manchuria as per agreement until China shall have yielded to her demands. This is taken as meaning that trouble in the far east is shortly to be proved inevitable. The sending of warships to Korea, where Japan previously had dispatched troops on a formidable fleet, and the movement of Russian troops closer to the Korean border is regarded as ominous for world peace.

STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

The Association Will Send An Organizer Into Mexico.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 9.—The executive committee of the International Street Railway Employees of America, in session here, Thursday devoted most of its time to considering appeals from various locals that have grievances. The association has decided to send an organizer into Mexico to institute organizations in that country, and an appropriation was made to help carry out the plans. It was reported that there are 67,000 members in the association representing 225 cities in the United States and Canada.

Hose Company Lowers Record.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 9.—Number 5 hose company of the Fort Worth fire department Thursday lowered the world's speed record for going into action. The contest was to run 250 feet, lay 100 feet of hose, a total run of 350 feet, make plug connection and get water. The time was 22:45 seconds. Up to last year Kansas City held the world's championship, its time being 26 seconds, making a run of 200 feet and laying 100 feet of hose.

William J. Bryan in New York.

New York, Oct. 9.—William J. Bryan was in the city Thursday. He said his visit to New York had no connection whatsoever with politics, but was in connection with the administration of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett, of New Haven.

Flower Bulbs For the Fair Grounds.

St. Louis, Oct. 9.—The first shipment of flower bulbs sent from Holland for use in the beds on the north and east slopes of agricultural hall at the World's fair, have landed in Philadelphia.

Revenue Cutter Dallas Safe.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The revenue cutter Dallas, twice reported lost while en route from New York to Ogdensburg, arrived after a very stormy passage. The cutter will make Ogdensburg its headquarters, the district extending to Oswego.

Have Not Reported For Enlistment.

Berlin, Oct. 9.—A military journal says that 10,000 men eligible for military service, who have not reported for enlistment this year, have been sentenced in contumacy. It is presumed they are out of the country.

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